

29 November 1974

SUBJECT: Briefing Mr. Kent Crane, Intelligence Project Director of the Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy (Murphy Commission)

BACKGROUND: On 13 November 1974, Mr. Crane contacted the Director, DIA, and asked for a briefing on "DIA organization and functions, interface with the Military Services, and products being produced".

DISCUSSION:

a. The requested briefing was held between 1500 and 1700 hours, on 26 November 1974, in the DC Conference Room. Agenda for the briefing is attached (enclosure 1).

b. Mr. Crane appeared extremely pleased with the DIA presentations. He made extensive notes and asked numerous questions (the most important of these are summarized in enclosure 2, as an indication of Mr. Crane's interests).

c. Because of a conflict in the visitor's schedule, insufficient time was available for the DC presentation. Mr. Crane asked that he may be allowed to return, to hear the DC presentation and to question previous briefers.

d. A second meeting is planned (date and time to be established during the week of 2 December) to complete the DIA briefings and to allow time for Mr. Crane to question the briefers. He has also expressed the desire to meet with [REDACTED]

2 Enclosures a/s

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BRIEFING SCHEDULE

MR. KENT CRANE
(MURPHY COMMISSION)

26 November 1974

1430 - 1445 Courtesy Call, DR

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1445 - 1700 Briefings by Panel chaired by
DP-2B (DC Conference Room):

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DIA Organization and Functions

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General Intelligence*

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Estimative Intelligence*

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S&T Intelligence*

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Collection/Processing*

DC

*To emphasize products and interface with Services.

Enclosure 1.

QUESTIONS BY MR. CRANE

1. When was the DoD intelligence career program initiated?
2. How is coordination of DoD HUMINT activities accomplished?
3. What is the ratio of DIA personnel vs intelligence manpower in the Services?
4. What is DIA's role in biographics viz-a-viz that of CIA?
5. How is the NIO system working out?
6. What is the MIIA (Medical Intelligence and Information Agency) all about?
7. What is the difference between the activities of DEF/SMAC and MIA?
8. What intelligence does DIA provide to international organizations (like NATO, CENTO)?

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Kent Crane

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November 5, 1974

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Office of the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear John:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I am enclosing
copies of recent COG papers. These include:

(a) Two draft papers on CIA by Ambassador Belcher
and [Redacted] and some rough notes on what John Bruce
Lockhart said at the staff meeting on November 4th.

(b) Documents circulated to Commissioners by Tom
Reckford summarizing the conference on CIA sponsored
by the Center for National Security Studies.

(c) Memoranda issued over the past month by COG
to Commissioners on the intelligence subcommittee.

Many thanks for the very useful briefings you have been
providing for me at the Agency.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



Kent B. Crane
Administrative Assistant

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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board
Corning Glass International
717 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Last week Fisher Howe indicated that I should finalize arrangements for a briefing by CIA on clandestine activity. However, before I had an opportunity to draft an appropriately detailed letter from you to Mr. Colby, Mr. Howe sent a brief letter off in Dr. Wilcox' name. It seems likely that Mr. Colby will wish to obtain a confirmation and elaboration of the Commission's precise interests on this sensitive topic from you directly.

Thus, it would be helpful to all concerned if you could delineate the subjects which Commissioners wish a briefing on. In my initial discussions I have indicated that the following would be of interest:

- (a) Clandestine collection--with special emphasis on the difficult Bloc targets.
- (b) Covert action--including a definition of that term; some examples of the type of operations covered under that rubric; how risks are balanced against potential gains in planning such operations; and how political control is exerted over CA.
- (c) DDO organization--a case should probably be made for the current organizational structure to counter suggestions in other papers that clandestine activity be separated from CIA.

Given the obvious security implications involved, CIA would prefer to provide oral briefings to the Commissioners on the same basis that sensitive subjects are presented to PFIAB. I suggest that the Commissioners first discuss the two CA studies prepared by Mr. [redacted] and

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Ambassador Belcher which are unclassified and can be circulated in advance of the meeting. It might be useful to invite a CIA representative to listen in on the Commissioners' review of these unclassified papers with their authors. Then, if you wish the Commissioners to receive a really extensive CIA briefing, I suggest that the room be cleared of supernumeraries and staffers with no previous precise knowledge of covert action and no current need-to-know.

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This proposed procedure has been discussed at CIA and with Admiral Anderson at PFIAB, and while they obviously are in no position to take the initiative, there is general concurrence that I []

STAT [] the person expected to draft preliminary Commission recommendations on intelligence) can provide any staff support necessary during the briefing. I might add that if other non-Commissioners are not excused, the content of the briefing will simply be adjusted accordingly.

With the next meeting of the Commission's Intelligence Subcommittee, the so-called "Phase II" of the intelligence study plan begins. Under the terms of the agreed study plan, I have been given the coordinating responsibility for "Phase II" activities of the Commission. In numerous oral conversations with the Commission staff "Phase II" has been represented to mean all activities which occur after the preparation and distribution of the "Phase I" studies done by the group under William Harris and by J. J. Hitchcock.

In broad brush terms, I intend to do two basic things during "Phase II." First, I plan to arrange for classified briefings for Commissioners by members of the intelligence community, PFIAB and/or Members of Congress with a special interest in intelligence matters. These briefings will in no way conflict with the independent, unclassified studies being prepared by Bill Harris, and I am confident you will find that Bill Harris firmly believes that such briefings will supplement his reports in an important way. Second, I expect to prepare the first draft of recommendations on intelligence matters for Commission review and possible approval. I shall of course welcome the assistance of other members of the Commission staff in this work, but earnestly hope that the still blurred lines of authority among the staff can soon be straightened out, not only because the current situation is personally embarrassing to me, but also because it is causing some legitimate concern to my friends in the intelligence community who are responsible for providing support to the Commission in this very sensitive field. STAT

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Thus, I
respectfully recommend, and I know that Congressman Frelinghuysen
joins me in this proposal, that I be permitted to exercise my responsi-
bilities under the terms of our agreed study plan and with your full
support.

Sincerely,

Kent B. Crane
Administrative Assistant

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bcc: [redacted]

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Proctor requested that only the letter
be sent.

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